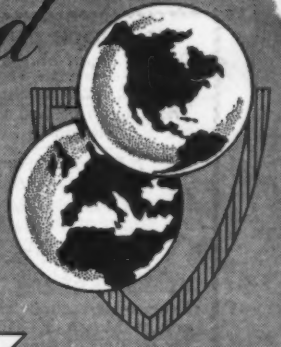


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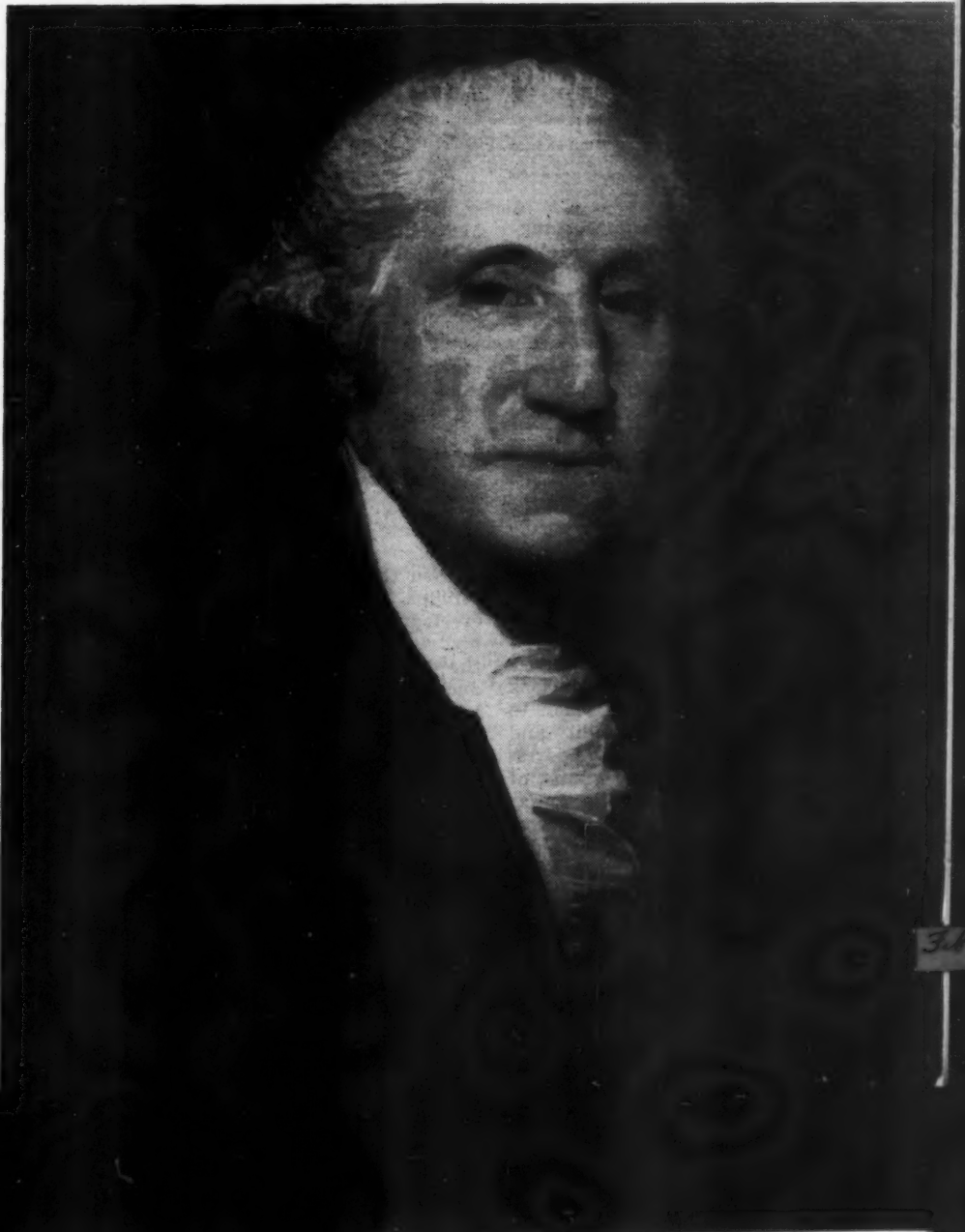
Elva Horsman

Dear one, when sun has
set,
the clouds of even;
and heaven and earth
meet,
to all be given.

It is when work is done,
rested is our task;
again the victory's won,
of hardship past.

Believe when one we
see beyond our sight;
have surely gone above,
in realms of light.

Dear one, for God is
near; recall;
of life can be with-
in folds us all!



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COVER PAGE

The birthday of George Washing-
ton, February 22, high lights the Feb-
ruary calender. Americans, and free-
dom loving people everywhere, revere
this great champion of democracy
for so many valid reasons one hardly
knows what aspect of greatness to
write about. However, the fact that
the last full week of February is ob-
served as **BROTHERHOOD WEEK**
suggests a theme.

George Washington was con-
fronted with the task of building a
new nation out of thirteen separate
states, at a time when there was but
little national consciousness. A histo-
rian informs us, "Everywhere there
were Virginians and Pennsylvanians
and Massachusetts men, but very few
Americans." Our first president was
confronted with the herculean task
of leading his fellow countrymen to
a new and larger political unity and
brotherhood. His Farewell Address
states this forcibly: "The unity of
government which constitutes you as
one people is also now dear to you.
It is justly so, for it is a main pillar
in the edifice of your real independ-
ence. Citizens by birth or choice
of one common country, that country
must concentrate your affec-
tions. With slight shades of dif-

ference, you have the same religion,
manners, habits, and political princi-
ples. You have in a common cause
fought and triumphed together. The
independence and liberty you possess
are the work of joint councils and
joint efforts, of common dangers, suf-
ferings, and successes."

It is not necessary to demonstrate
with argumentation and proof the
stature of this great American, George
Washington. It is common knowledge
that he belongs to the ages. He stood
for enduring qualities of character,
for enduring human aspirations. He
stood as an example of men made
great by their dedication to God, to
country and humanity. He continues
a symbol of patriotism and brother-
hood.

Without laboriously comparing the
present and the past, one may re-
cognize similarities in the continued
need for unity and brotherhood. The
spirit of America calls for right hu-
man relationships. It means tolera-
tion and good will for all people. It
means a society enlivened by the
spirit incorporated in "Let this be
our motto, in God is our trust."

MY TRIP TO CLEVELAND

On January 6, 1949, I had a pleasant
visit in Cleveland. This was my first
visit to Headquarters in ten years.

My first place to visit was Lee Col-
lege, where Brother Brinsfield, pres-
ident of the College, received me
graciously and made me feel wel-
come.

I went from there to the Publish-
ing House, where I had a pleasant
visit with Brother Bright, our Editor-
in-Chief. I feel that Brother Bright is
doing a great work, and I surely do
appreciate the courtesy he extended
to me.

From there I visited with Brother
Phillips, the Business Manager who
greeted me with a big smile and made
my visit interesting by showing me
the different departments and intro-
ducing me to many of the employees
who explained their work. Brother
Phillips is doing a good job.

From there I went to the General
Overseer's office. Brother Chesser
greeted me in the old-time Church of
God way. I also had a wonderful visit
with Brother Tharp, our Assistant
General Overseer, and Brother
Walker who was in Brother Chesser's
office.

I drove back to Lee College, and as
I looked over our College and saw

how the Lord is blessing the Church
of God, it made me feel glad and hap-
py that I am a member of such a
great organization. So, after looking
up and thanking God for His great
love, I ended my visit with a good
prayer with Brother Brinsfield in his
office. My trip convinced me, as never
before, that Headquarters is in com-
petent hands, and may the dear Lord
bless our leaders.—John D. Raynor
Pastor, Carbon Hill, Alabama.

HOT OFF THE WIRES

ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6TH VISTA
AVENUE CHURCH OF GOD ST LOUIS
MISSOURI IN FIRST BUILDING CAM-
PAIGN RAISED \$4430 FOR SUITABLE
BUILDING SITE

M M MORTENSON PASTOR

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the
death of his saints." Ps. 116:15.

KELLY

Mrs. Olive Dora Kelly departed this
life January 12, 1949, at the age of
seventy-one years. Sister Kelly had
suffered many untold pains the last
few months, but she always had a
praise for the Lord. She was a mem-
ber of the Church of God at Linden,
Florida. She was not able to attend
services much the last few months,
but her last words were similar to
Paul's, "I am going on a trip; I am
going to a better country."—Her
Pastor, Carl W. Bryan.

ANDERS

Sister Ida Anders, age seventy-
three, went to be with Jesus Janu-
ary 18, 1949. She was a member of the
Church of God. She was loved by all
who knew her and will be missed
from our midst. Funeral services were
conducted by Rev. R. A. Partin and
her pastor, Rev. Joe N. Jordon.
—H. J. Orr.

LEAVINS

Mrs. Estelle Leavins died Jan. 5,
1949 at the home of her daughter,
Mrs. G. C. Hamilton, 1210 Easton St.,
Mobile, Ala. She was seventy-two
years of age and spent most of them
a Christian. I believe she kept the
victory the last mile of the way, and
has gone to rest. Her funeral was con-
ducted by our district overseer, Rev.
G. C. Spencer, in the absence of her
pastor, Rev. E. L. Phurrough.—Betty
Hodges.

EDITORIALS...

POETICIST URGES DEATH FOR ALL OVER SIXTY

From Margate, England, via *Associated Press*, comes the news that Maj. Arthur Corbett-Smith, author and publicist, shot himself fatally on the Margate promenade after sending to police a document stating that he loathed the incidence and stigmata of old age.

The prolific, sixty-seven-year-old author and one time stage producer and civil servant entitled his statement "Corbett-Smith on His Self-Dispatch." It said in part:

"I've finished my life's work and seen its triumph. Both Majesty's government and my local council have stated my services are no longer required. I've had a very wonderful life, but I'm too old now to start any more crusading. It's only when serving others that I am conscious of living. When I can no longer do this and live with honor, it is better to die with honor.

"I view with loathing the incidence and stigmata of old age. Age, with rare exceptions, is repulsive to look upon and its so-called wisdoms are very problematical. Every man and woman at the age of sixty should show cause why he or she should continue to exist. If continued existence doesn't in some measure benefit the community, then—death is the lethal chamber. Certainly in these days there is no room for passengers in the ship of state."

Thus it is demonstrated that the finished product of human philosophy is suicide!

Self-destruction is forbidden by the law of the land and contrary to the will of God.

The Author of life has not given a single word of instruction concerning self-dispatch.

When a person's last act in life is a transgression of the law and a violation of the will of God, it remains to be explained how such a departure can be considered a death with honor."

As for "benefiting the community," it should be apparent to anyone that as long as there is a case of need in the community, one may, if he desires, be a benefactor.

Is it not possible to help the poor, the ignorant, the unfortunate, the suffering, the oppressed, and the unregenerate without considering it a *crusade*?

The pages of sacred and profane history are replete with instances wherein persons over sixty years of age have done their best work.

It is true as the Bible says: "We all do fade as a leaf" (Isaiah 64:6); but with what a difference do the leaves fade!

Some leaves wither brownly, like the alder and the butternut. Some put on golden hues, like the white birch and the quaking aspen. Some are arrayed in glad colors of scarlet and yellow, like the red oak and the maple.

Who, with the least bit of the love of nature in his constitution, has not taken time out and even gone out of his way to see the hills crowned and the vales filled with the glory and splendor of fading leaves!

Is it not true that certain trees renew in their autumn foliage the same color that marked them in the budding time of spring, but with deeper, fuller hues?

It can be so with all believers, who are likened to trees planted by the Lord "by the rivers of waters," for "though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."

"Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall

flourish in the courts of our God. *They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing*" (Psalm 92:13, 14).

Has He not said: "And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made and I will bear: even I will deliver you!" (Isaiah 46:4).—Now.

PRESIDENT THINKS OLD-AGE INSURANCE IS "INADEQUATE"

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A prominent Republican, agreed with President Truman today that present old-age insurance is "inadequate," and announced he will offer a bill to double the minimum benefits and to bring 20,000,000 more persons into the program.

Representative Kean (N. J.) said his bill, which conforms closely with the President's suggestions for expansion, would extend old-age protection to the self-employed, farm workers, domestics and all other workers except those covered by special programs, such as Federal employes, railroad employes, and some workers for state and local governments.

Church Provisions

It would permit employes of church groups to join, if they desired.

Kean's proposed bill also would provide:

1. A minimum benefit to elderly persons of \$29 a month and a maximum of \$120. This compares with a present minimum monthly payment of \$10 and a maximum of \$85. The size of the benefit is determined by a person's earnings during his working years.

2. A reduction from ten to five in the number of years a person must participate in the program—with social security deductions from his pay—before he is eligible to benefits in old age.

3. Individuals would be given the choice of having their average earnings computed beginning in 1937 or 1950, whichever gives them the larger benefits in old age. This would raise the level of benefits to many early participants in the program, since general earnings are much higher than twelve years ago.

4. The retirement age for women would be reduced to sixty-two. Benefit eligibility for men still would begin at sixty-five. The program is available only to employed persons.

5. A retired worker could draw these old-age benefits so long as he earned no more than \$40 a month. The present law limits these earnings to \$15.

The program is supported by a 1 per cent tax on employes' pay and employers' payrolls. This will jump to 1½ per cent on each in 1950, unless Congress decides to step up the tax earlier.—*Chattanooga Times*.

MY MISTAKE

While visiting a country school, the inspector for the district became annoyed at the noise being made in the next room. Angrily he opened the door, reached in among the loud-speaking students, and grabbed the loudest talker by the coat collar. He dragged him into the other room and stood him in a corner. "Now," he said, "be silent and stay there."

A few minutes later a small boy stuck his head in the room. "Please, sir," he said, "may we have our teacher back now?"—*Boston Globe*.

A New Life Awaits Us

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit," John 12:24.

By H. E. KENDRICK, Evangelist, 3 Fresco Street, Festus, Missouri.

The new year is here. The old one that has passed may have been filled with broken vows, rash promises, fervent intentions, ideas that never culminated, broken hearts, severe trials, testings, etc. To those of the world, the new year meant resolutions and a determination to do better, which for some will be carried out, but for others failure. To the Christian, did it mean a consecration as never before? To the minister, did it mean a vow as his heart waited in hushed expectancy while the seconds ticked speedily by, and the hand of the clock proclaimed the fact that another year, with all its vanity, had passed—time eternally gone? Did it mean a yielding of the clay in the Potter's hand, with a fear, and yet a godly reverence, saying, "Father, let me die"; that is, my flesh, with all of its desires, and that from my heart I can say, "I present my body a living sacrifice to do your will"?

Such must have been in the mind of Jesus as He looked at the grains of wheat, knowing that some would advise, "Store it away; there is no use to subject it to all manner of weather and to fowls, but put it in a safe place against the famine that may arise." How like the worldly wise who say, "You are crazy to waste your life in fasting, study, and sacrifice, ruining your voice, waiting on meetings, when you could be working, making some good money," etc. But another comes who says, "Scatter the seed to the wind and watch the results." One day the golden grain will wave in the breeze, braving the critics who said, "Such a waste of time and seed," as it lay moulding in the ground. It first had to die that the germ of the new life might live. Oh glory to God!

The possibilities that face us individuals thrill my soul, but there is

that tendency to draw back from the "death we must die, that we may live." What is it that made you say, "I will hide away, fast and pray until God endues me with His glorious power"? Is it that desire to die! Is it possible? Yes! We find one who surely knew. 2 Cor. 4:8-12, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you." Also, 2 Cor. 6:4-11, "But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distress, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things. O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged."

What is it, Paul? "Part of the dying." Is this the new life? Yes! "Know ye not that they which will live godly shall suffer persecutions?" and, "They that will reign with him must also

suffer with him." Yes, but Paul, you are a great man, you are well learned. You sat at the feet of Gamaliel. You gave up a very high position in the Sanhedrin. "Remember, when, because of my pride and exalted position, and on the road to Damascus carrying out my interpretation of zeal for God, I was knocked down from my position to the dust of the earth, and it was only when I cried out of the depths of my soul, 'Lord, what will you have me to do?' that I began to die. Recall the words God spoke to Ananias upon his doubtful query: 'I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.'" But, Paul, what is the use of it all? What will it get me? Why not take it easy as do others? pull wires, mix secular income with the needs God said He would supply? let man guide me and make the way for me, instead of acknowledging God in all my ways that He may direct my paths? "No, die, die, for except you do you abide alone; but if you will, you shall come rejoicing, bringing many sheaves." When, Paul? When? "As I taught the Thessalonians, so say I to you, 'For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up to gather with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.' So you see, whether we live or die we are the Lord's."

Thanks be unto God for the grand climax given by John in Rev. 21:7, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." Rev. 22:12, "And I saw the dead, small and great, (Continued on page 15)

Coming Events

WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

BECKLEY: Sunday, March 13—
1:30 P. M.

SOPHIA: Tuesday, March 15—7:30
P. M.

MULLENS (Rhodell): Thursday
March 17—7:30 P. M.

CHARLESTON: Saturday, March
18—7:30 P. M.

GARRISON: Sunday, March 20—
1:30 P. M.

EAST RAINELLE: Thursday,
March 24—7:30 P. M.

MALLORY, Saturday, March 26—
1:30 P. M.

LOGAN: Sunday, March 27—2:00
P. M.

NORTH LOGAN (Jeffrey): Tues-
day, March 29—7:30 P. M.

WELCH (Ennis): Thursday, March
31—7:30 P. M.

WAR: Sunday, April 3—2:00 P. M.

SMITHERS: Thursday, April 7—
1:30 P. M.

PRINCETON: Sunday, April 10—
1:00 P. M.

HUNTINGTON: Tuesday, April
12—7:30 P. M.

CLARKSBURG: Saturday, April
14—7:30 P. M.

ELKINS: Sunday, April 17—2:00
P. M.

DELBARTON: Thursday, April 21—
7:30 P. M.

PARKERSBURG: Saturday, April
23—7:30 P. M.

PIEDMONT: Monday, April 25—
7:30 P. M.

PENTECOSTAL FULL-GOSPEL CONFERENCE!

This unusual conference meets at
the

East Chattanooga Church of God

February 21-27, 1949

One week of preaching by outstand-
ing ministers on the doctrine of
THE HOLY GHOST

Earl P. Paulk, J. D. Bright, A. M. Phillips, J. L. Goins, Ray Hughes, Thea Jones, John D. Smith, A. V. Beaube, Brother Brosnell, and others will give a comprehensive coverage of this important subject. Pray that God will make it a mighty time of real conviction and receiving of this wonderful blessing. COME and enjoy this conference with us.—J. A. Cross, Pastor.

DISTRICT CONVENTION SCHEDULE

OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT—
March 4-6, at the Norman Church of
God.

SEMINOLE DISTRICT—March 11-
13, at the Seminole Church of God.

LAWTON DISTRICT—March 18-20,
at the Lawton Church of God.

LINDSAY DISTRICT—March 25-27,
at the Lindsay Church of God.

ADA DISTRICT—April 1-3, at the
Ada Church of God.

ENID DISTRICT—April 8-10, at the
Enid Church of God.

TULSA DISTRICT—April 15-17, at
the Tulsa Church of God.

HUGO DISTRICT—April 22-24, at
the Hugo Church of God.

Pastors, let us all make our plans
now for these district conventions. Do
you have your Evangel subscriptions
up, one for every two members in your
church? Example: If you have fifty
members, you should have twenty-five
subscriptions coming to your church,
which is half of your membership. A
ruling was passed by the General As-
sembly that we should have at least
one for every two members in our
churches.

Have you put on your Evangel Drive
yet?

GOOD NEWS FOR TENNESSEE AND SURROUNDING STATE CHURCHES



The Klautt Gospel Family has entered Lee College for the second semester and will be working out from the College to serve the churches in week-end revivals, evangelistic gospel song programs, etc. They rank with the best in talent, and have served the Church of God for over twenty years as pioneer evangelists. State overseers and pastors, write or come to see us immediately for engagements.—The Klautt Gospel Family, Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee.

NOTE: We are asking the min-
isters of each district to meet 30
minutes earlier than is scheduled for
the opening of each convention. This
will give us a chance to have a little
conference and time of fellowship to-
gether prior to the opening of the
district convention proper.—Your
State Overseer, Paul H. Walker.

1949 WEST VIRGINIA STATE
CONVENTION will convene at 10:00
A. M. July 29 and continue through
July 31, 1949 at the Memorial Audi-
torium, Beckley, West Virginia.

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Reports **FROM THE FIELD**

GOSPEL NEWS SENT BY BOTTLE



Brother Pierce states that he has received hundreds of replies from tracts and other religious literature that has floated on water in bottles to sixteen states and two foreign countries. A few days ago State Overseer W. E. Johnson was in the office, and upon seeing this cut said that the clerk of the church in Tampa, Florida, discovered one of Brother Pierce's bottled messages and at first was greatly excited about it, thinking that it might be a bomb.

This is proof that there is a way that every Christian can send out the gospel news to the lost.

EAST CHATTANOOGA, TENN., OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

January 16 marked the thirty-first anniversary of the East Chattanooga, Tenn., Church of God. The occasion was observed with special services throughout the day.

Rev. Zeno C. Tharp was the speaker for the morning service. Brother Tharp is one of the former pastors of the East Chattanooga Church, and even though twenty-one years have passed since Brother Tharp pastored this church, many were present who attended there at the time he served as pastor.

The speaker for the afternoon serv-

ice was Rev. Ray Hughes. A short history of the church was given by the pastor, Rev. James A. Cross, recalling the growth of the church from the small membership and the little frame building they rented for services to the present membership of 365 and the beautiful church building we now have. Brother Cross made mention that the East Chattanooga Church has set forth twenty ministers who are now in active service preaching the gospel. At the suggestion of one of the visiting ministers, an enthusiastic vote of appreciation was given our beloved pastor.

A great message was brought at the evening service by Rev. Charles Conn, and the altar was filled with hungry souls calling on God. One young lady was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Among those present for the services were seven of the original members of the Church. Brother and Sister Kelly, Sister Hartman, Brother and Sister Erby, and Brother and Sister S. T. Sanders. Each gave his testimony which was most inspiring and gripping, admonishing us to give thanks to God for the many great things He has done for us.

Certainly God met with us throughout the day, and our souls were lifted up when we recalled what God has done for us. "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad," Psalm 126:3.—Ruth McGinnis.

BREAKING RECORDS IN SENECA, S. C.

SENECA, S. C.—We are glad to report that our church in Seneca is moving forward. We have as our pastor Brother J. A. Whitlow. Brother Whitlow came to Seneca from Charleston, South Carolina, and we feel that Charleston's loss is Seneca's gain. We have a group of enthusiastic Sunday School workers. We have broken all previous Sunday School records three times in the past five weeks. The second Sunday School in February we intend to raise enough money to pay off our church debt, D. V. The Lord is wonderfully blessing us here. Pray for us that our

Sunday School will keep moving forward.—James Weathers, Sunday School Superintendent.

DISTRICT CONVENTION IN NEW CHURCH AT CAIRO, GA.

The Cairo, Georgia, district convention convened January 15 and 16 at the new church building in Cairo. Rev. E. L. Simmons was in charge, assisted by our district overseer, Rev. T. A. Perkins. We are very happy to say that our state and district leadership were at their best. Also, our district brethren did their best to make it a good convention. We were fortunate in having Brother Shelby Dothan, Alabama, who assisted with the music. Brother Shelby is a young man who is blind, but he is a fine musician. Our pastors were all up with their state program. We certainly did appreciate the compliments our state overseer made concerning our work. Our offering for missions was \$339.26, and for other purposes approximately \$60.00. There was good fellowship all through the convention.—E. E. O'Neal, Reporter.

NEW CHURCH BUILDING AT PAX, WEST VIRGINIA

I take pleasure in reporting for the church here at Pax, West Virginia. I want to say that we have a fine group of folks here. We were assigned to this church at the last Assembly. When we got here the basement was partly done, blocks were laid up to the sub floor, so we got into our work clothes and worked until the building was finished. Now we have a beautiful building size 30 by 50 feet. It has a full basement, \$600 furnace, and fine hardwood floors.

We have a good L. W. W. B., Y. P. E., and a fine Sunday School. The attendance runs around one hundred. We have had a good revival since we got into the new church. Brother Gasaway, of Scaly, N. C., did the preaching. He is a fine speaker and believes in the working of the Holy Spirit. We have taken four good members into the church since we came and have some more who are wanting to come in. We are looking forward to some greater things here.—G. L. Berry, Pastor.

UNIVERSITY HIGHWAY, Ala.—Brother H. E. Lambert has been running a mission here for a year or so. They organized with eight members and plan to build a new church soon.

REVIVALS

PASLEY, S. C.—The Church of God has been making great progress which we thank God for. The church membership has almost doubled. In the last four months we have had 76 saved, 27 sanctified, 33 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 46 added to the church. We have a nice brick parsonage which will be completed in about two weeks. The Lord surely has been good to us here. In all of my ministry I've never witnessed a day like we had a few weeks ago. While I was preaching one Sunday morning, without giving an invitation for altar service, people got up crying and screaming and came to the altar. Twenty-eight were saved that day for which we give God the praise.—G. C. Timmerman, Pastor.

LAKE PARK, Ga.—On January 16 we closed a great revival at the Bethel Church of God with Rev. and Mrs. William Mahaffey as the evangelists. There were forty-six saved, twenty-two sanctified, twenty-two baptized with the Holy Ghost, twenty-seven added to the church and twenty-five baptized in water. We thank the Lord for people like Brother and Sister Mahaffey and the good folks around the Bethel church. The Lord has been blessing in a real way. It is said that this is the best revival here in twelve years. We thank the Lord for this great revival, which will be remembered for years to come.—L. E. Hills, Pastor.

STARKEY, Va.—We praise God for a very successful revival. The evangelist was Brother J. G. Perry, of Denton, North Carolina. He did some wonderful preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. There were eight saved, seven sanctified, two baptized with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church. We are expecting more to become members soon. Any church will be greatly blessed by having Brother Perry for a revival.—W. H. Edwards, Pastor.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky.—This is just a word of praise from the church of how the Lord is blessing us. Brother and Sister Cox have already been a great

blessing to our church. Brother Cox really brings his messages from the deepness of God's Word. Sunday night, January 9, his sermon was "Sanctification," and the Lord sent down a mighty outpouring of His precious power with the Holy Ghost as witness. Brother Cox and his wife also worked hard supervising a Christmas play, "He Came to Bethlehem," which was a great success, so much so that due to the great demands from the people we had to reiterate it a week later. Numbers of people said it was the best they ever saw. Approximately four hundred and fifty to five hundred people were there both nights.—Mrs. Levi Cobb, Secretary of L. W. W. B.

AARON, Ga.—We recently closed a revival conducted by Rev. B. G. Moxley, of Swainsboro, Ga., who did some old time preaching. God really did bless and the church and community were stirred. There were twelve saved, seven sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and ten added to the church, all of whom were grown men and women. Pray for us at Aaron.—Freeman Taylor, Pastor.

EAST LOS ANGELES, Calif.—The Lord is blessing the church here. We have just closed a revival with Brother Edward Harrison, of Tennessee, doing the preaching. Several souls were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. There were several baptized in water and eighteen added to the church. Our Sunday School record went from sixty-seven to one hundred and one, and our Y. P. E. has grown. We thank the Lord for our good pastor, Rev. W. E. Combs. He is a real Church of God preacher.—L. Woods.

NEODESHA, Kans.—On January 9, we closed our revival with eight saved, one sanctified, and one baptized with the Holy Ghost. This was the best revival we have had for some time. Rev. A. W. Hall, state youth director and Sunday School superintendent, was our evangelist. The Lord blessed in a marvelous way, with young and old

alike weeping their way to an old-fashioned experience in salvation. On New Year's Eve we had Communion and feet washing and a watch service. God blessed us as we obeyed the Word of God. The last night of the revival was very good, although it was raining and the roads were icy and slick. This did not daunt our courage to have an old-fashioned meeting with four young people praying and weeping their way through to victory in Calvary's Lamb. The messages of Reverend Hall and the manner he delivered them still linger in the minds of those who attended each service. The church was blessed by his fine ministry, and I for one can thank God for sending Brother Hall our way. Anyone securing him as an evangelist will not be disappointed, as the blessing of the Holy Spirit is resting on him.—R. C. Benz, Pastor.

MADISON, S. C.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival with Brother Edgar Mastin, of Cleveland, Tennessee, doing the preaching. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. There were nineteen saved, ten sanctified, sixteen baptized with the Holy Ghost and ten added to the church. Brother Mastin is a wonderful man of God. This is our first revival in the new church, and we are dedicating it to God for His service. Pray for us.—Carlie G. Butts, Clerk.

MARVEL, Ala.—On New Year's Eve we began a revival which was the greatest revival in the history of the Church of God in Marvel, Alabama. It was conducted by the Franklin Evangelistic Party, and was begun with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. There were thirty-one saved, sixteen sanctified, thirteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church. Miraculous healings were performed. One little girl who had been almost deaf from birth was healed. A lady was healed of a goiter, and another lady who had been suffering almost death from heart trouble and high blood pressure was healed. Praise His name! The days of miracles are not passed. Anyone desiring a fine Holy-Ghost-filled party would be blessed to have the Franklin Evangelistic Party come to his church. They are wonderful singers and Brother Franklin is a splendid evangelist.—C. D. Henry, Pastor.



Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Bryant have the distinction of being the only surviving charter member couple of the Church of God.

Old - Age Assistance

... Cleveland, Ohio Style

By CLARENCE W. HALL

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BACK in the fall of 1945, when the committee on decorations was preparing for Cleveland's first annual Golden Age Hobby Show, some helpful soul brought in a king-size print of James McNeill Whistler's "Mother." The committee, all sixty-five years or older, took one look and collectively turned thumbs down. She just didn't fit the show's "Live Long and Like It" theme. She'd lived long, true. But there was nothing in her pose, sitting lonely and inert in the purpling twilight, to indicate that she liked it.

They were about to put the "Mother" back in her wrappings when somebody had a happy thought. Why not use her anyway—just for contrast? So, when the show opened, there was the Whistler masterpiece. But superimposed on one corner was a life-size photograph of a merry-eyed grandmother, happily at work in a defense factory. Mr. Whistler's "Mother" was captioned "Then"; the Cleveland grandmother, "NOW!"

That incident illustrates, better than anything else could, the new spirit rife in Cleveland today. It is the accent on old age. And it's the outgrowth of a lively and intelligent program carefully planned to meet head-on one of America's most vexing social problems: namely, what to do about our ever-increasing backlog of old folks?

Cleveland's plan for its older citizens, the first community-wide effort of its kind in the nation, is as cooperative in its operation as it is comprehensive in its scope. It has managed to get everybody into the act—social workers, educators, librarians, clergy-

men, industrialists, labor leaders, city planners, businessmen, doctors, the newspapers and radio. And it aims at nothing less than the transformation of empty and embittered old age into an old age that "shines with use."

It's accomplishments to date have been considerable. They are worth consideration by any community worried by such facts as these:

Due to the ministrations of medical science, health education and improved living conditions, plus a constantly falling birth rate, America is rapidly moving toward a population preponderant with people past their prime—or at least what current opinion considers their prime.

Whereas in 1860 there were only 860,000 people in the United States above sixty-five, in 1945 there were 16,000,000—and by 1980 there will be more than 21,000,000. By the time your child of nine reaches sixty, in the year 2000, he will have the company of 30,000,000 other Americans over sixty, if present trends hold up.

The average life expectancy, which in the days of Ancient Rome was about twenty-three years, rose to forty-eight years by 1900, by 1930 had leaped to sixty years and now stands at sixty-seven and is steadily going higher.

And right along with such statistics from the experts is the realization that our society, carrying this load which progressively will get heavier, is still shackled with antiquated practices and obsolete attitudes that are, for the most part, hangovers from an era when life expectancy was much lower.

All of which, say the prophets, will tend to create a top-heavy economy wherein the too-young and the too-old unemployables have to be supported by an increasingly smaller group; where there will be demanded huge pension and social security levies beyond our ability to meet; wherein un-

told misery will be brewed among those whose unsought longevity poses the whole problem, and where political sharpsters may prey upon their discontent to start dangerous mass movements promising special privileges for the old.

A dire prospect, certainly. And one that is causing increased discussion. Clevelanders have discussed it too. They have seen their country's own aged population mount from an inconsequential figure in 1900 to well over 85,000 as of today. By 1980, it promises to reach double that figure.

But unlike most communities, Cleveland has not been content to sit in gabby immobility before the problem. It has set itself to the long-term task of licking the problem on every front.

Louis B. Seltzer, newspaper publisher and president of the Welfare Federation, put it thus: "A society that supplies only economic security for the aged, while leaving other insecurities untouched, is doing only a surface job. Now that medical science has added more years to their lives, it is up to us to add more life to their years. This is the most vital kind of old-age assistance."

First phase of its "Operation Old Age" was a five-year plan to dramatize the problem to the public at large—and, at the same time, to sell the city's oldsters on their own rejuvenation.

The five-year plan got under way in 1944, when the Federation's Committee on the Aged was set up. Now in its fifth year, the project has set the town a-buzz with old-age activity.

Scattered all across the city are a chain of Golden Age Clubs, meeting regularly every week in churches, libraries, settlement houses, city recreation centers, housing projects and wherever else a community resource is available. The clubs provide sociability and recreation, and are run by the old folks themselves. Their pro-

...include talks, music, games, picnics, tours of interesting places. Here the old folks can take themselves as seriously or as jovially as the mood strikes them. They can pick up their heels as they please, unhampered by younger people who may think them ridiculous.

Each club is suited to the neighborhood, special interests and cultural background of its members. One is made up of oldsters of college background, another of those interested in the creative arts. One club's members are all of foreign birth, and, in between its fun sessions, features Americanization classes and other events serving to bring them more in tune with our national folkways.

Occasionally several clubs will join for a big picnic. One little old lady expressed the group feeling when she declared: "Why, I didn't have half as much fun as a youngster as I'm having right now!"

A natural next step was the Hobby Clubs. These are smaller groups, with not more than ten to fifteen to a group, and are given supervision and guidance by trained experts in occupational therapy.

"But don't mention that term!" beg these workers, all of whom carefully shew the usual social-worker gobble-de-gook in dealing with their old folks. They learned their lesson one day from a white-haired old codger who bustled in to demand: "What've you got to keep me busy? Doctor said I need occupational therapy. 'Huh! I want's the occupation,' I told 'em. 'You can keep the therapy!'"

Nevertheless, the therapy is there, with physical and psychological. To elderly people who have found that passing the empty hours dreary business, often leading to cantankerousness and sometimes to serious ills, both mental and fancied, the workshops are a greater boon than younger people can imagine. The Hobby Clubs are proving a real bastion against idleness, the great enemy of the aged. Public health officials and private physicians testify that oldsters who previously haunted them with requests for medical services come far less frequently now.

Many hobby choppers have to be taught, for it is surprising, say the workers, how few old people have developed any planned pastimes. They have to be urged and encouraged to do new things. "Don't you know you can't teach an old dog new tricks?" answered a seventy-year-old when a

worker was introducing him to the mysteries of leather tooling. The worker only grunted, "Aren't you glad God didn't make you a dog?" and went on guiding the old hands that were almost as tough and leathery as the material they held. Three months later the reluctant hobbyist was selling his hand-tooled billfolds and belts to a downtown store.

The discovery of an unsuspected talent gives the aged a tremendous lift, and not infrequently a real artist emerges among them. One old man of eighty-eight, an ex-sea captain, said: "I suppose I should feel like a fugitive from the law of averages—but just look at this ship's model I just made!" Now he's teaching a class in his art.

While some of the hobby shoppers turn their newly acquired crafts into moneymakers—a few even setting themselves up in small businesses—the majority work away only for the fun and satisfaction it brings them.



Mrs. Alda B. Harrison

(No other woman has endeared herself more to the Church of God.)

Many spend long hours making presents for their families, for when Grandma comes up at Christmas or birthdays with something nobody thought she could do, she gets new prestige in the family circle.

The program of the Hobby Shops culminates each September in the annual Golden Age Hobby Show. Each oldster prepares for this event with all the twittery excitement of a debutante getting ready for her coming-out party. The show gets a big play in the press, and last year drew more than 5,000 visitors. Over 300 exhibitors displayed and sold some 3,500 articles. Others had nothing to sell; they wanted only to show the world that, as a grinning seventy-nine-year-old craftsman put it, "There's a heap of stuff in the old folks yet!"

Due to demand, a year-'round shop for the sale of work by the handicapped and aged was opened late in 1948 in time for the Christmas trade. It is labeled the Civilian Exchange &

Homecrafters Shop, and it has set the hobby shoppers, as well as hundreds of others who work at home, into a new boil of activity.

The emphasis this city has given to its "old-age potential" has stimulated private and public projects galore. Unique among them is the Live Long and Like It Club, a pet program of the adult education department of the Cleveland Public Library. Boasting a large membership whose average age is sixty-nine, the LLALIC meets bi-weekly to hear highbrow lectures, participate in panel discussions on the techniques of doing what their name suggests, engage in lively argument on the state of the world and why, put on plays and musicals of their own composing, plan picnics and tours together, address birthday cards and cheerful greetings to sick and shut-in members. Two branch libraries, on the east and west sides, are now conducting similar programs, and there is a city-wide special "bookmobile" service for shut-ins.

Out of the LLALIC idea has grown a whole swarm of side activities. One lady of age formed a home discussion group to probe further into a topic introduced at a club meeting. Others put up notices for the attention of any who would like to meet in homes or elsewhere to pursue a subject of common interest. One clubber started a string quartet, another a book club, another a political action committee. The object of all is to keep mentally and emotionally alive.

Another effective device for keeping the oldsters in the public eye is the Cleveland Press' annual Golden Wedding Party, held each autumn in a big downtown hotel. The party is open to any couple married fifty years or longer, and last year drew more than 500 couples.

The Press, with all the ecstasy of a newspaper that knows it has a scoop idea, pulls out all the stops weeks in advance. Banner headlines and human interest stories on the town's oldest couples whip up the lather for the paper's 282,000 readers. As a contributory service year-'round, the paper takes pictures of any couple attaining golden-wedding status, features their matrimonial achievement in the paper, and winds up by furnishing them with a handsome framed print—all for free.

Just a publicity stunt, a circulation builder? "Sure," admits the editor. "But it's more than that. It's a need-

ed piece of reassurance to young people about marriage, an antidote to divorce news. Dramatizing the **durability of marriage**, it confounds pessimists who sob that family life is on the skids. **Wouldn't you say that is good for our town, as well as providing a colorful asset to our current old-age emphasis?"**

It is, and it does. So does the Cleveland Church Federation's sponsorship of special worship and vesper services for the aged. These are held in Protestant churches and in public and private homes for the aged, with sermons and prayers and music and social get-togethers carefully tailored to the needs and yearnings of the old.

So does the old-age counseling service offered by social agencies and churches throughout the city.

So does the Women's Volunteer Committee, comprised of sixty public-spirited club and church women who give four hours each week to weekly service in behalf of brightening the lives of inmates in Cleveland's giant home for the homeless aged and chronically infirm in Cooley Farms—an institution which, a few years back, was a stretch in the nostrils of civic pride, but which, largely as a result of the embattled ladies' crusading interest, now rates as a model of its kind.

And so will the special fresh-air camp, for the exclusive use of the aged, scheduled to open this coming summer.

All these multifarious social, recreational and spiritual schemes are vastly more than just pot shots at the old-age problem. Add them up and you will begin to understand why, among Cleveland's aged, a standard quip—and a striking truth—is the saying you meet everywhere: "I'm not as old as I used to be!" The old-fogeyism of frustrated ancients is on the way out and in this city, Longevity Lane has ceased to be the lonesome road it is in most places.

That Cleveland was able to get so healthy a head start over other communities in doing a job for the aged is largely due to the vision of one man, now long deceased, and two women,

very much alive.

In 1908, when gruff and lonely old Benjamin Rose died at eighty-two, his executors opened his will to discover he had left the lion's share of his estate to found an unusual institution. The chief work of the Benjamin Rose Institute, the will stated, was **"to provide relief for respectable and deserving needy aged people."**

In 1930, Miss Margaret Wagner became the Institute's director. For years she had been mulling over a dream for the establishment of a series of recreational centers for old people. Throwing into the project all the Rose funds the trustees would allow, plus some funds she persuaded the Cleveland Foundation and others to in-

want companionship with their kind. They respond to adventure as readily as any of us. Age does not dull imagination and creative ability."

By 1944 the clubs had awakened Cleveland to the potentials in the field, and the Welfare Federation officially set up its Committee on the Aged—calling in Mrs. Lucia Bing, the assistant chief of the Ohio Division of Social Administration, to carry the torch.

They had no idea how zealously she would carry it. She soon showed them.

Past sixty herself, Mrs. Bing is grayhaired little lady of enormous vitality and imagination, with marionettes in the fire and a genius for keeping them all hot. The initiation as well as the supervision of most of Cleveland's old-age projects have been hers.

In an ancient jargon she buzzes about town working with and for her old folks until a hours. They bring her their personal problems to solve as well as their best efforts to praise. Her tiny office is always piled with packages containing their work for the Hobby Show.

Though her function is community planning rather than casework, Mrs. Bing nevertheless finds ways and time to be helpful and encouraging to individuals as well as to agencies. When an olderster prates about his uselessness, she nudges him with "Oh, come now, you're

not going to be a 'futilitarian'—not at your age!" And he straightens young again.

The chief fears of old age, according to Mrs. Bing, are ill health, loss of income (and therefore independence), lack of occupation, loneliness, lost prestige—in about that order.

"The best possible treatment of aged infirmity," she declares, "is to show old people how to occupy themselves usefully. Rehabilitation starts when a person learns that he still has some contribution to make." She is convinced that much of the orneriness of some old people is due to psychological rather than physical causes.

At her suggestion, local schools and colleges are canvassing the wisdom of

Sixty Years Young

*At sixty, life is at its best, where youth with age can blend
The rainbow colors of the morn with evening's solemn end.
The burt of failing hopes and dreams in youth's misguided zeal,
Is solaced some, and turned away by Time's revolving wheel.*

*The tender little feet that start on life's unknown career
Grow calloused to their stony path that winds through deserts drear;
The dimpled baby hands that reached for life's unfolding rose,
Knew not the painful touch of thorns that 'neath its petals grow.*

*But after sixty years, you reach the summit of your climb,
And bitter thoughts of sadder days are often cast behind;
And when we pause atop the hill to rest the weary feet,
The toilsome path o'er which we came will not appear so steep.*

*And when the slender shadows throw their shafts before the sun,
And twilight whispers soothe your care, and say to you,
"Well done,"
Then He will make it plain to you that life's long winding trail
Was blazoned by His own dear hand, whose goodness could
not fail.*

—Roy W. Cothorn.

vest, Margaret Wagner got her pet project under way. In five years, the Golden Age Clubs had grown from one to fifteen, and from a membership of twenty to 850.

Miss Wagner used the clubs as a means of knocking galley-west a lot of popular misconceptions about the aged. Such, for example, as these: "The old are not gregarious; they prefer to be alone" . . . "Since they feel life is about over, life no longer challenges them; all they want is to be made comfortable and secure" . . . "They are weak, and have to be pampered and protected from themselves."

To which she would explode: "Fiddle faddle! The aged are lonely, and

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urse on "Adaptation to the Later
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cial and psychological adjustments
necessary to successful aging.
"Would you be satisfied just to exist
a state of suspended animation,
mental and physical?" she sometimes
troubled families of aged parents.
and when young people complain that
the old folks are fussy and forever in-
terfering in their affairs, she gently
urges: "Encourage them to live
their own lives, make their own
plans, have their own fun. Then
they won't hamper yours!"

Though the task of finding work
opportunities for the aged is the job
of the agencies with whom she works,
Mrs. Bing cannot resist doing a little
counseling now and then. One day
while shopping in her neighborhood
branch of a big downtown store, she
noticed something less than cordial treat-
ment from a young salesgirl whose ob-
vious fixation was the evening's date
rather than her customer. Mrs. Bing
took herself to the manager. She
didn't report the girl; she simply
shared out her exasperation: "You
know, youngsters can't satisfactorily
serve our old people," she said. "It takes
an older clerk—one with patience and
understanding of our particular view-
points, not to mention our peculiar
needs. Why not put on a few older
women for us elderly customers?"
The manager agreed she had a point,
and a few months later phoned to tell
her how well he had worked out her
idea—to the tune of more old-age
business.

Those who can afford to be en-
couraged to do volunteer work from
the service motive—helping on com-
munity fund drives, church work,
even political campaigning. A retired
lawyer set up a neighborhood legal
clinic for persons who couldn't afford
counsel for such things as inspecting
wills, assistance with income tax re-
turns, drawing up wills. A retired
physician dusted off his instruments,
taking out his shingle again, and let it
be known that fees were a minor con-
sideration. Retired business execu-
tives have made their know-how
available to ex-GI's just starting in
business for themselves. To all such,
Mrs. Bing gives the exhortation: "Put
your experience to work making your
world better!"

She suggests other possibilities for
women, such as baby-sitting ("Grand-

mothers make the most wonderful
baby-sitters in the world," she de-
clares); as housekeepers for widowed
men with children; as church mothers
for handling parish suppers and visit-
ing shut-ins; as neighborhood seam-
stresses ("Aren't we all having to
lengthen our skirts?"); as companions
to other lonely people. Women with a
love for using the phone, but nobody
to talk to, may be put in touch with
men having no office but needing a
phone, or with persons placing ads in
the newspaper who want to escape
the drudgery of answering a lot of
calls.

Particularly good results have been
obtained from an early drive to pre-
pare workers for retirement and thus
avoid dumping upon the body politic
a slew of ex-employees who, a few
weeks after the tributes and testi-
monials of the farewell dinner, will
feel let down and lost. Personnel di-
rectors of some of Cleveland's largest
concerns are making it part of their
responsibility to encourage their work-
ers, old and young, to develop at least

one "auxiliary occupation" to which
they may turn after retiring. Some
have set up their own hobby clubs,
encouraging participation by not only
the older worker but also by the an-
nuitant.

Others make a regular practice of
calling in employees' approaching re-
tirement to discuss with them their
plans for filling their forthcoming lei-
sure with satisfying activity. If the
employee has no plans, the suggestion
is made: "How about dropping in at
one of the Hobby Clubs?"

If there be those who say it can't
be done, perhaps they'd better look
thoughtfully at this city's already con-
siderable success in taking the sting
out of senescence and proving to its
aged that life touched by the setting
sun can be both beautiful and reward-
ing. Cleveland's oldsters don't feel
they've reached Utopia—yet. But,
busily exploring new life, new liberty
and new ways of pursuing happiness,
they reckon it's only down the road
a piece. And they're on their way.

... Praise the Lord ...

Three Sons Brought Safely Home

MONROE, Va.—I praise the Lord
for saving me eighteen years ago,
sanctifying, and baptizing me with the
Holy Ghost. My three oldest boys were
in service, but God brought them back
safe and sound. One of them received
the Holy Ghost overseas and he is
still shouting the victory. One has
been saved since he came back. The
other one is still unsaved. Please pray
that God will save him and his wife,
also my daughter and her husband.—
Mrs. Laura Wheeler.

God Heals When Man Fails

PAMPA, Tex.—We wrote in July for
prayer for my husband. He had two
serious operations. The doctors did
not think he could live, but through
the prayers of the saints, the Lord
heard and healed him. Praise the
Lord! Thanks to everyone.—Mrs. C. C.
Ruff.

He Heals Those Who Trust Him

MIDLAND, Calif.—I promised God
if He would heal me, I would write my
testimony to the *Evangelist*. I had been
sick for nine days. I went to the doc-

tor but when I arrived at the office,
I told my husband I hated to go back
to that doctor; he said, "Well, don't
go." I got back into the car and went
on down to our pastor's house and
had him anoint me and pray for me.
I went back home twenty-two miles,
trusting in Jesus to heal me and sure
enough, He did and I want to praise
Him for it. Bless His wonderful name!
—Mrs. Jewel Lane.

Grandson Feels Healing Touch

HUGHSON, California—I want to
praise the Lord for His great healing
power. He healed my little grandson of
a stomach disorder. It seemed as if
he couldn't endure very much longer
but the Lord undertook for him. I
praise the Lord for all of His goodness.
Pray for me to stand true to God.—
Mrs. Lillie Smith.

God Heals the Incurable

I praise my Lord for healing me
again. I was afflicted with backache
which proved by X-ray to be arthritis
of the spine, incurable by man. I am
now well on the road to recovery
and regaining weight lost, praise the
Lord!—Mrs. C. O. Soderberg.

MESSAGES *from State Presidents* of L.W.W.B.

GEORGIA L. W. W. B. WORK BASKET

***** Mrs. E. L. Simmons *****



The holidays are past and I am sure each band has settled down to work again. We are not requiring reports each month, but do keep a strict account of the amounts you make so we will have a good report at the state convention. I want you to write me about outstanding things you do so I can put them in the "Reporter."

I have a report from Mrs. E. E. O'Neal, of Thomasville. She says they made \$34.25 in November and \$67.12 in December. This is fine. Also I have another letter which I am giving as follows:

"Dear Sister Simmons: Greetings in Jesus' name. The Willing Workers' Band here at Homerville has been very busy since the Assembly. It has quilted seventeen quilts and sold dinners, also bought the paint and painted the church inside. We have raised in all \$169.10."—Mrs. Len Smith.

KENTUCKY L.W.W.B. Report for December

Lynch	\$246.58
Corbin	200.20
Crescent Springs	120.90
Middlesboro	119.74
Loyall	98.87
Vanceburg	89.20
Newport	88.15
Zebulon	81.92
Cawood	81.87

Jamboree	74.28
East Bernstadt	61.50
Somerset	59.81
Coral Ridge	43.00
Neon	39.65
Verda	35.00
Berea	30.00
East Louisville	30.00
Wallins	29.78
Christopher	28.90
Brodhead	28.00
Majestic	27.23
Clay City	24.61
Lexington	20.50
Ages	20.00
Cumberland	19.32
Winchester	19.14
Toner	17.60
Dressen	17.40
Coleman	13.90
East Jenkins	12.05
Richmond	11.00
Deanville	10.00
Fork Ridge	5.24
Millstone	5.00
Hazel Green	3.00
Barbourville	2.57
Harmon Lick	2.00
Thornton	1.00
Oppy	.60

Total for December \$1,874.82
—Mrs. L. H. Aultman, State President.

MICHIGAN L. W. W. B.

By MRS. D. C. BOATWRIGHT
State President

Dear Willing Workers:

Greetings. Isn't it a wonderful feeling to know you have done your duty, especially to the Church and its cause, and that's just what you ladies are doing here in Michigan. I've never seen such enthusiastic ladies and you are seeing the results of your work, aren't you?

I think those bake sales are splendid and the candy-making plan too. The Wyandotte Church meets once a week and makes their candy, mostly divinity, colors and wraps it in cellophane to sell for 25c a package; they have more orders than they can fill. The Pontiac ladies bake cakes and bread and sell them at a market once a week, while the North Flint Church has a good idea to get wall plaques at wholesale and sell them for a good profit. Others make quilts, aprons and

clothes, and crochet handkerchiefs. The best thing about the bands is the enjoyable times they have working. The Ferndale Church has many outsiders attending the meetings as the church members because the gatherings are so enjoyable. They start gathering at ten in the morning and come till about three in the afternoon. The hostess always serves a lunch, which encourages the ladies to attend. It is a time of real fellowship. Almost every church has an active band and I hope others will soon organize.

These are the highest in monthly profit for December.

East Detroit	\$1200.00
Monroe	318.40
Pontiac	192.00
Wyandotte	171.00
West Flint	107.00
Ferndale	98.00
Willow Run	90.00
North Flint	59.00
Van Dyke	54.00
Dearborn	41.00

OHIO L. W. W. B. REPORT

In my travels over the State this fall I have found that the L. W. W. B.'s are really doing things. There seems to be a lot of enthusiasm among the ladies who are working, and the Lord is blessing their labors.

I didn't know there were so many ways to make money, but I have found the ladies doing different things with great success. Why not exchange ideas and plans that have been successful in your group, with other groups? Write them in to me, and I will pass them on to others.

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gnolia	204.36
on	174.77
Dayton	138.85
ford	102.31
mbus	72.39
day	67.50
Hamilton	61.35
nton	60.00
wood	58.43
adore	48.88
innati	38.83
elby	28.39
mt Moriah	20.60
ivale	19.90
nden	none
ndee	14.10
ew Boston	12.00
aster	9.50
Lebanon	7.40
ne Creek	1.40
st Junction	none
Total	\$1,785.66

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oples	\$141.30
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ant City	38.56
ford	77.20
illy Hill	41.42
acienny	130.18
rt Lauderdale	96.88
lle Glade	603.00
owing Green	10.67
nt Tampa	320.25
urke	139.84
ide City	243.14
arwater	108.03
ero Beach	344.03
ctors Inlet	61.63
ite Grove	4.92
nden	47.25
uper	192.42
ren Ridge	110.83
rooksville	22.76
ew Smyrna Beach	195.55
erry	535.74
oochee	40.95
urpon Springs	220.43
ostproof	40.78
esburg	30.40
acksonville	115.20
ustee	45.97
unt Dora	101.86
uart	79.24
owing Park	145.00
idway	117.56

Cocoa	39.91
Newberry	31.81
Sebring	41.00
Bartow	39.85
Key West	67.92
Sulphur Springs	87.19
Homestead	141.12
La Belle	152.70
Hilliard	88.70
Orlando	691.56
Ruskin	951.61
Venice	93.54
Alton	111.09
West Lake	43.45
Punta Gorda	168.81
Marco	74.98
Chokoloskee	154.16
Fort Myers	136.50
Miami	102.06
Otis	32.71
Trenton	20.00
Winter Garden	47.00
Panama City	74.72
Fort Meade	132.48
Lawtey	600.00
St. Petersburg	374.21
Live Oak	149.90
Haines City	116.35
Pahokee	184.00
Lake City	118.56
Gainesville	187.03
Crystal River	71.20
Avon Park	41.88
Clewiston	109.28
Manatee	65.00
De Funiak Springs	17.90
Lake Placid	34.05

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NEW ENGLAND L. W. W. B.

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Church	Amount Raised
Alexander City	\$356.40
Bayou La Batre	232.48
Bethel	66.34
Buhl	137.05
Beaverton	45.00
Coosa Valley	100.61
Childersburg	217.75
Coon Creek	61.21
Crichton	23.41
Chapman	219.00
Chelsea	180.00
Carbon Hill	700.00
Decatur	151.19
Dora	254.25
Detroit	43.00
Fort Payne	240.11
Fayette	70.21
Graysville	155.45
Gardendale	102.46
Guntersville	50.00
Geneva	143.00
Hueytown	154.50
Holly Springs	353.25
Jasper	117.70
Jonesboro	325.06
Kimberly	196.50
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